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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

As a submission to accompany the attached Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and in response to the Office Action dated January 3, 2002, and made final, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.116, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (once amended) A bearing current reduction assembly comprising:

a rotor shaft;

an inner bearing cap substantially radially aligned with said rotor shaft, said inner bearing cap comprising an inner end, said inner end in close proximity to said rotor shaft; and

a charge concentrator disposed on at least one of said rotor shaft and said inner end, said charge concentrator positioned between said rotor shaft and said inner end.

7. (once amended) An electric motor assembly comprising:

a motor housing;

a stator mounted in said housing and comprising a bore therethrough;

a rotor core rotatably mounted in said housing and extending through said stator bore;